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August 19, 2016

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SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 - NRC
SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 05000528/2016201, 05000529/2016201,
05000530/2016201

Dear Mr. Edington:

On July 22, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security inspection at your Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 (PVNGS). On July 28, 2016, the NRC inspectors discussed results of this inspection with Mr. Michael McLaughlin, Vice President, Site Support, and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

NRC inspectors documented one finding of very low security significance (Green) in this report. This finding involved a violation of NRC requirements. The NRC is treating this violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2.a of the Enforcement Policy.

If you contest the violation or the significance of the NCV, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; the Director, Office of Enforcement; and the NRC resident inspector at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3.

One cross-cutting aspect was assigned to the finding in the area of Problem Identification and Resolution; Self-Assessment because PVNGS did not conduct self-critical assessments [P.6]. If you disagree with a cross-cutting aspect assignment or a finding not associated with a regulatory requirement in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; and the NRC resident inspector at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Joseph Willis, Acting Chief
Security Performance Evaluation Branch
Division of Security Operations
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

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